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Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday June 9th, 2008

In Attendance:

Members:

Phil Smith DuPage County Community Services
Walt Meyers Northeast Illinois Area on Aging

Tammy Wierciak Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors

Jim Lewis Chicago Community Trust

Holly Smith Kane County DOT

Candace King DuPage Federation on Human Services

Kemberly Dailey Johnson Pioneer Center

Jay Ciavarella RTA

Bob Gleeson Northern Illinois University

Ray Wang
Lorrie Lynn
United Way of Metro Chicago
Laurie Dittman
Health and Medicine Policy Group
United Way of Metro Chicago
MOPD, City of Chicago

Joan Frankel MCIC

Dan Strick CMAP Citizens Advisory Council

Guest:

Elsa Gutierrez CTA

Gina Strafford-Ahmed DuPage County

Debra Quakenbush McHenry Department of Health

Slyvia Puente Norte Dame Institute for Latino Studies

CMAP Staff:

Russell Pietrowiak CMAP Staff
Jon Hallas CMAP Staff
Shana Alford CMAP Staff
Diana Torres CMAP Staff

1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves

2.0 Approval of May minutes.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved.

3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

Phil Smith stated that the planning committee reviewed and approved (with revisions) the visioning statements for the GoTo 2040 plan. The Aging snapshot was also presented and discussed at this meeting. The programming committee is to meet on June 11th with the may focus of the discussion pertaining to the Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) process.

4.0 211 System Discussion:

4.1 McHenry County (Kemberly Dailey Johnson)

A presentation of McHenry County's proposed 211 system was given by Debra Quakenbush. The map process was designed by the CDC and has 6 phases. It was intended to be a 3 year plan. They used the Health Community Study along with their already established crisis line. The McHenry County United Way was an active partner and was willing to provide funding for a 211 system. The goal was to have an information and referral system that was primarily comprised of information that was already on hand and that the system would be multilingual. Some of the other issues were increasing awareness of the information and referral number, increasing operator training to reach AIRs certification levels, securing approval to use the 211 number. The McHenry system would have been based on the crisis line that is already in operation. It was stated that the 211 database is approximately 80% compiled. McHenry County's 211 RFP application that was submitted to the state was not chosen by the state. It will likely be at least 2 years before the next round of RFP's will likely be issued.

4.2 CMAP (Russell Pietrowiak)

It was stated that CMAP believes a 211 system would be a benefit for the region and would be helpful in increasing the coordination of Human Services. To further 211 efforts CMAP is going to facilitate a discussion around 211 in the CMAP region. The goal is to bring together the relevant parties that are currently involved with 211, some new entities and funding streams, and develop a work plan that will out line the system and steps that need to be taken in the region so that a 211 system can start to be implemented, with the goal of there being full implementation throughout the region and state at some point. The first step is forming a working group to be comprised of members from the Human Services committee and with various parties from throughout the state that are currently involved in 211 issues in Illinois. Interested members were asked to contact Russell J. Pietrowiak via email. In addition recommendations for members were also solicited.

5.0 Go To 2040 Plan Development

5.1 Latino Snapshot Presentation (Jon Hallas)

The Latino Snapshot Presentation along with other supporting material was presented to the committee by Jon Hallas. Questions were asked both during and after the presentation of Jon Hallas and Sylvia Puente (director of the Metropolitan Chicago Initiative for the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies), who is the researcher that was contracted to do the bulk of the research for this topic. One question inquired if the growth in the Latino population throughout the region had occurred all at once or if it has been steady over the years. The answer was that it has been spread out rather evenly throughout the years. Another question asked if the current "credit crunch" had shown signs of impacting the Latino population. The answer was that it is too early to know the true impacts. Bob Gleeson asked if they (Sylvia) had looked at the any of the publications but together by Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) that address immigration and integration. The answer was that they had not but that it is something which could be done. Another question asked if Chicago neighbor's (Pilsen, Little Village, etc.) were similar to the suburbs. The answer given was that one of the most basic differences is in the levels of public transit service. It was also stated that more of the Latino population growth stems from births in the region as opposed to Latino's migrating into the region. It was also stated that the planning mindset needs to understand that most of the growth in the region is directly tired to growth in the Latino population.

5.2 Human Services Research Topics (Russell Pietrowiak)

An update was provided to the committee by staff and Jim Lewis from the Chicago Community Trust on the ongoing efforts in support of the GoTo 2040 plan. At this time lead agencies on are being contacted by the Trust to work on a variety of topics over the next year. Each topic will have at least 1 lead agency. There will also be an advisory council for each topic to provide additional subject matter expertise. The lead agencies will produce a report, work on indicators, and provide regular updates to staff at both the trust and CMAP. An update on this ongoing work will be a regular part of the Human Services committee agenda.

5.3 Human Services Indicators Discussion (Russell Pietrowiak)

This item was only discussed in brief and will be further discussed at the next meeting. Some general comments were made suggesting that a variety of statistical measures need to be used otherwise a city the size of Chicago will skew or overwhelm some statistics, possibly leaving some individuals or areas of concern undetected.

6.0 Human Services Updates:

6.1 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Symposium on "Housing Solutions for People with Disabilities" (Russell Pietrowiak)

An overview of the symposium was given. It was mentioned that the unique aspect of this symposium was that they were attempting to use market forces and conditions to develop housing opportunities for the disabled and enhance their ownership chances. An email would be sent out with information about this symposium, The Disability Opportunity Fund, and the Disability Savings Act of 2008 (DSA).

6.2 Aging in Place Summit (Russell Pietrowiak)

This item was tabled so that a more in depth discussion could take place on this topic.

- 7.0 Next Meeting (July 14th at 10:00am)
- **8.0 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.